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Session 1: Word List

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

choir

n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

synonym: chorus, ensemble, club

(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance

The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym: withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

educator

n. a person who teaches or educates people

synonym: teacher, instructor, lecturer

(1) business **educator**, (2) duty as an **educator**

She is an **educator** with progressive ideas.

lifelong

adj. lasting for the whole of someone's life

synonym: enduring, eternal, permanent

(1) **lifelong** career, (2) **lifelong** commitment

He had a **lifelong** love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**
The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

drain

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
synonym : draw off, bleed
(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid
Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
synonym : eject, emit, burst
(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears
Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

rainfall

n. the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
synonym : downpour, drizzle, rain
(1) the mean annual **rainfall**, (2) heavy **rainfall**
These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant **rainfall**.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment
(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing
The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow
(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions
These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym : ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym : destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym : cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

barrel

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

synonym : cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym : rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism

She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United

States.

crane

n. a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook

synonym: hoist, derrick, winch

(1) **crane** operator, (2) **crane** construction

The construction workers used a **crane** to lift the heavy beams.

skyline

n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

synonym: silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

brazen

adj. bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)

synonym: audacious, bold, impudent

(1) **brazen** lie, (2) **brazen** painted faces

The **brazen** thief stole the diamond right out of the display case.

overdevelopment

n. the process of building an excessive amount of new homes, factories, and other buildings on an area of land

synonym: overbuilding, overpopulation, overuse

(1) the after-war **overdevelopment**, (2) **overdevelopment** of the city

The **overdevelopment** of the area resulted in a loss of green space.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym: present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

dire

adj. extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous

synonym: serious, critical, desperate

(1) suffer **dire** poverty, (2) **dire** situation

The **dire** economic straits called for immediate action.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym: disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work
Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

glaciologist

n. a scientist who studies the formation, movement, and effects of glaciers and ice

synonym: ice scientists, cryospheric scientists

(1) **glaciologist** findings, (2) **glaciologist** fieldwork

The **glaciologist's** research revealed that the glacier has been shrinking alarmingly.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym: center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

underwater

adv. below or under the surface of the water

synonym : submerged, undersea, submarine

(1) hold my breath **underwater**, (2) seals sleep **underwater**

He is good at swimming **underwater**.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

backdrop

n. a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

synonym : background, setting, context

(1) **backdrop** of poverty, (2) perfect **backdrop**

The lush green forest provided a picturesque **backdrop** for the photo shoot.

elevation

n. the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

synonym : height, altitude, rise

(1) at an **elevation** of 1000 feet, (2) **elevation** in rank

The **elevation** of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym : element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

inland

adj. situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region

synonym : internal, interior, domestic

(1) **inland** transportation, (2) move further **inland**

Lush green forests surrounded the small **inland** village.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

ridge

n. a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation

synonym : crest, summit, peak

(1) top of the **ridge**, (2) the **ridge** of the nose

The mountain range was full of rocky **ridges** and deep valleys.

coastline

n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

synonym : shoreline, seashore, beach

(1) **coastline** erosion, (2) deeply indented **coastline**

The new resort was built along the **coastline**, offering stunning ocean views from every room.

intersection

n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

synonym : crossroad, junction, hub

(1) busy **intersection**, (2) the **intersection** of coordinate axes

Take a right turn at the next **intersection**.

showcase

n. a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it

synonym : exhibit, display, presentation

(1) museum **showcase**, (2) **showcase** of innovation
The museum's new exhibition is a **showcase** of contemporary art.

flank

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

synonym: side, edge, rim

(1) **flank** pain, (2) attack the left **flank**

The **flank** of the mountain was difficult to climb.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

aquifer

n. an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water

(1) **aquifer** soil, (2) subsurface **aquifer**

Some areas melt snow by harnessing heat from underground **aquifers**.

saltwater

adj. of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea

synonym: marine, naval, maritime

(1) a **saltwater** fish, (2) **saltwater** crocodile

The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the **saltwater** ecosystem downstream.

intrusion

n. the act of entering a place or situation where one is not welcome or invited; the action or process of forcing a body of molten rock between or through existing formations without reaching the surface

synonym: invasion, interference, encroachment

(1) unwarranted **intrusion**, (2) **intrusion** prevention

The **intrusion** of the hackers into the company's database

caused significant damage.

porous

adj. having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids

synonym : permeable, spongy, absorbent

(1) **porous** materials, (2) **porous** membrane

Our unfenced and largely unpoliced border inevitably has been very **porous** for insurgents.

limestone

n. a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

synonym : calcareous rock, chalk

(1) sheer **limestone** cliffs, (2) **limestone** pavement

The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of **limestone**.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym : intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

realtor

n. a professional in the real estate industry who is a member of the national association of realtors

synonym: real estate agent, broker

(1) **realtor** agency, (2) **realtor** services

The reliable **realtor** showed them several properties in the area.

aghast

adj. filled with shock, horror, or amazement

synonym: shocked, horrified, amazed

(1) **aghast** at the sight, (2) **aghast** at the situation

She was **aghast** at the news of the accident.

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym: reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community

The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to
synonym: rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

broad

adj. very wide; general
synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

convene

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
synonym: assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council

The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

practitioner

n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
synonym: professional, expert, specialist

(1) **practitioner** of Buddhism, (2) **practitioner** of law

She is a **practitioner** of traditional Chinese medicine.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

faulty

adj. having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation

synonym : defective, flawed, imperfect

(1) **faulty** equipment, (2) make a **faulty** diagnosis

The **faulty** wiring caused a power outage.

septic

adj. containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms

synonym : infected, contaminated, unclean

(1) **septic** sewage, (2) **septic** system

The **septic** tank was not properly maintained and caused a health hazard.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

recede

v. to pull back or move away or backward

synonym : move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym : highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

mural

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

synonym : wall painting, fresco, wall art

(1) **mural** painting, (2) a **mural** decoration

The **mural** on the wall depicted the history of the city.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

strategize

v. to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations

synonym : plan, devise, scheme

(1) **strategize** for success, (2) **strategize** about how to win

The company **strategized** about how to increase sales.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

wetland

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

synonym: bog, marsh, swamp

(1) **wetland** conservation, (2) **wetland** ecosystem

The **wetland** area was home to many different species of birds.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in

saltwater and sandy soil.

bulldoze

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

synonym: level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying
They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

clueless

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

synonym: uninformed, unaware, ignorant

(1) **clueless** in many ways, (2) **clueless** about the situation
She was completely **clueless** as to how to solve the problem.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**
Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure
Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym: forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response
She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence
The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

florid

adj. decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation;
overly ornate or showy

synonym : ornate, elaborate, flowery

(1) **florid** music, (2) **florid** style

The **florid** language of the poet was often difficult to understand.

majestic

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner;
stately

synonym : grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose

The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their
bodies near the ground

synonym : creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property
until a debt is paid.

synonym : isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as
diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of
coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading
tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

propagule

n. any organism or structure that can develop into a new individual, such as a seed, spore, or cutting

synonym : seed, spore, cutting

(1) **propagule** for plant, (2) **propagule** for tree

The plant produced many **propagules**, which were used for reproduction.

seedling

n. a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots

synonym : sapling, sprout, shoot

(1) a green **seedling**, (2) **seedling** tray

The **seedlings** in the garden needed to be thinned out to have enough space to grow.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym : perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

nursery

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

synonym : playroom, greenhouse, conservatory

(1) day **nursery**, (2) **nursery** school

I work at the breeding **nursery**, where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

disposable

adj. designed to be used once and then thrown away

synonym: throwaway, single-use, expendable

(1) total **disposable** income, (2) **disposable** camera

I prefer using **disposable** razors because they are more convenient.

merchant

n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

synonym: dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**

This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

installation

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

synonym: induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym: gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power
The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**
The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events
The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls
One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea
You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

germinate

v. to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts

synonym : sprout, grow, develop

(1) days to **germinate**, (2) **germinate** the idea

The seeds **germinated** quickly in the warm soil.

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

bay

n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building

synonym : inlet, cove, gulf

(1) **bay** area, (2) the mouth of a **bay**

She walked along the **bay** and collected shells.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in

charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym : alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

cadre

n. a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement

synonym : core group, leadership, elite

(1) elite **cadre**, (2) **cadre** of leaders

The **cadre** of experienced soldiers led the attack.

emissary

n. a person sent on a mission or as a representative of an organization or country

synonym : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) **emissary** of peace, (2) an **emissary** from the company

The **emissary** from the neighboring country arrived with a message of peace.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym : thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

pique

n. a feeling of irritation or resentment, often caused by a perceived slight or insult; (verb) to cause to feel resentment or indignation

synonym : irritation, resentment, annoyance

(1) out of **pique**, (2) **pique** the curiosity

He slammed the door in a fit of **pique**.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

synonym: establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

inquiry

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

synonym: question, research, exploration

(1) **inquiry** about the product, (2) launch an **inquiry**

Our tech support responds to the first **inquiry** exceptionally promptly.

pathway

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

synonym: route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling **pathways**

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym: creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
2. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
3. cl_____ss in many ways *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
4. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
5. po____s membrane *adj.* having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids
6. ob_____us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
7. linear so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
8. sheer li_____ne cliffs *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
9. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
10. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 1. drown, 2. partnership, 3. clueless, 4. diminish, 5. porous, 6. oblivious, 7. solver, 8. limestone, 9. melt, 10. mechanism

11. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
12. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
13. in____d transportation *adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
14. sa_____er crocodile *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
15. ag____t at the situation *adj.* filled with shock, horror, or amazement
16. cr__e operator *n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook
17. re_____r services *n.* a professional in the real estate industry who is a member of the national association of realtors
18. pra_____ner of law *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
19. er__t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
20. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
21. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

ANSWERS: 11. partnership, 12. property, 13. inland, 14. saltwater, 15. aghast, 16. crane, 17. realtor, 18. practitioner, 19. erupt, 20. tap, 21. volunteer

22. rec_____er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
23. suffer d__e poverty *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
24. steel-framed sky_____er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
25. a sa_____er fish *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
26. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
27. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
28. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
29. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
30. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
31. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
32. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
33. seals sleep und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
34. the int_____ion of coordinate axes *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

ANSWERS: 22. reconsider, 23. dire, 24. skyscraper, 25. saltwater, 26. provoke, 27. threaten, 28. property, 29. loose, 30. volunteer, 31. vulnerable, 32. app, 33. underwater, 34. intersection

35. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
36. duty as an ed____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
37. di____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
38. nec____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
39. be____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
40. information ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
41. pr____le for plant *n.* any organism or structure that can develop into a new individual, such as a seed, spore, or cutting
42. an em____ry from the company *n.* a person sent on a mission or as a representative of an organization or country
43. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
44. a medical ins____ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

ANSWERS: 35. grid, 36. educator, 37. displace, 38. necessarily, 39. beneath, 40. barrier, 41. propagule, 42. emissary, 43. gulf, 44. installation

45. at an el_____on of 1000 feet *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
46. sk_____e view *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
47. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
48. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
49. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
50. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
51. \$30 a ba___l *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
52. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
53. cl_____ss about the situation *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
54. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 45. elevation, 46. skyline, 47. bunch, 48. random, 49. component, 50. loose, 51. barrel, 52. innovative, 53. clueless, 54. concrete

55. d__e situation *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
56. a su__e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
57. the mouth of a b_y *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
58. fl___d music *adj.* decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy
59. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
60. co_____e the council *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
61. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
62. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
63. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
64. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
65. attack the left fl__k *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

ANSWERS: 55. dire, 56. surge, 57. bay, 58. florid, 59. carbon, 60. convene, 61. divide, 62. destroy, 63. crawl, 64. pivot, 65. flank

66. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
67. re____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
68. sh____se of innovation *n.* a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
69. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
70. marine ec____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
71. an a__e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
72. ge____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
73. change the ec____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
74. nu____y school *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
75. me____nt bank *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

ANSWERS: 66. drown, 67. reclaim, 68. showcase, 69. planet, 70. ecosystem, 71. acre, 72. generate, 73. ecosystem, 74. nursery, 75. merchant

76. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
77. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
78. agricultural me_____nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
79. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
80. in_____e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
81. museum sh_____se *n.* a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
82. elite ca___e *n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
83. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
84. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
85. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
86. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

ANSWERS: 76. displace, 77. ultimate, 78. merchant, 79. transform, 80. insure, 81. showcase, 82. cadre, 83. consequence, 84. hell, 85. universal, 86. dam

87. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
88. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
89. ca__e of leaders *n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
90. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
91. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
92. fa___y equipment *adj.* having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation
93. hold my breath und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
94. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
95. re___e from view *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
96. a ba___l of beer *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
97. po___s materials *adj.* having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids
98. pa_____y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

ANSWERS: 87. pose, 88. statistics, 89. cadre, 90. interaction, 91. beneath, 92. faulty, 93. underwater, 94. crawl, 95. recede, 96. barrel, 97. porous, 98. pathway

99. unwarranted in_____on *n.* the act of entering a place or situation where one is not welcome or invited; the action or process of forcing a body of molten rock between or through existing formations without reaching the surface
100. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
101. we_____d ecosystem *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
102. in_____l a door *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
103. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
104. li_____ng commitment *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
105. pra_____ner of Buddhism *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
106. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
107. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
108. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 99. intrusion, 100. flood, 101. wetland, 102. install, 103. sect, 104. lifelong, 105. practitioner, 106. destruction, 107. risky, 108. environment

109. a br__d mind	<i>adj.</i> very wide; general
110. gla_____ist fieldwork	<i>n.</i> a scientist who studies the formation, movement, and effects of glaciers and ice
111. g__f stream	<i>n.</i> a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
112. di_____ge the clutch	<i>v.</i> to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
113. official sta_____cs	<i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
114. de_____yed evidence	<i>v.</i> to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
115. fleshly de___e	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
116. t_p keyboard with an index finger	<i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
117. ve_____al takeoff	<i>adj.</i> upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
118. b_y area	<i>n.</i> a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
119. ba_____op of poverty	<i>n.</i> a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

ANSWERS: 109. broad, 110. glaciologist, 111. gulf, 112. disengage, 113. statistics, 114. destroy, 115. desire, 116. tap, 117. vertical, 118. bay, 119. backdrop

120. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
121. ca____n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
122. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
123. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
124. quintet ch__r *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
125. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
126. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
127. th____e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
128. li_____ng career *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
129. ag____t at the sight *adj.* filled with shock, horror, or amazement
130. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 120. inherent, 121. carbon, 122. relevance, 123. sect, 124. choir, 125. responsible, 126. preach, 127. thrive, 128. lifelong, 129. aghast, 130. planet

131. bu____ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
132. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
133. cr__e construction *n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook
134. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
135. pi__e the curiosity *n.* a feeling of irritation or resentment, often caused by a perceived slight or insult; (verb) to cause to feel resentment or indignation
136. st_____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
137. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
138. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
139. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 131. bulldoze, 132. unexpected, 133. crane, 134. awareness, 135. pique, 136. steward, 137. engage, 138. emphasize, 139. threaten

140. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
141. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
142. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
143. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
144. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
145. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
146. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
147. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
148. out of pi__e *n.* a feeling of irritation or resentment, often caused by a perceived slight or insult; (verb) to cause to feel resentment or indignation
149. fl__k pain *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

ANSWERS: 140. hell, 141. dam, 142. unexpected, 143. climate, 144. melt, 145. creative, 146. tide, 147. destruction, 148. pique, 149. flank

150. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
151. half-a__e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
152. business ed_____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
153. the mean annual ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
154. co_____ne erosion *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
155. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
156. deeply indented co_____ne *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
157. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
158. downtown sk_____e *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
159. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
160. co_____e a press conference *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
161. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 150. opportune, 151. acre, 152. educator, 153. rainfall, 154. coastline, 155. devastation, 156. coastline, 157. reclaim, 158. skyline, 159. resident, 160. convene, 161. weird

162. cellular signaling pa_____ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
163. re___e in the darkness *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
164. loss of bio_____ity *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
165. in_____on prevention *n.* the act of entering a place or situation where one is not welcome or invited; the action or process of forcing a body of molten rock between or through existing formations without reaching the surface
166. in_____y about the product *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
167. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
168. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
169. launch an in_____y *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
170. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 162. pathway, 163. recede, 164. biodiversity, 165. intrusion, 166. inquiry, 167. flood, 168. communal, 169. inquiry, 170. locate

171. p__e a significant threat to my company
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
172. the state of being we__d
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
173. cr____ve writing
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
174. int_____on among human beings
n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
175. day nu____y
n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
176. str_____ze for success
v. to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
177. the ravages of a hu_____ne
n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
178. puzzle-so____r
n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
179. the ul____te goal in life
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
180. br____n painted faces
adj. bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)

ANSWERS: 171. pose, 172. weird, 173. creative, 174. interaction, 175. nursery, 176. strategize, 177. hurricane, 178. solver, 179. ultimate, 180. brazen

181. ove_____ent of the city *n.* the process of building an excessive amount of new homes, factories, and other buildings on an area of land
182. bio_____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
183. mu__l painting *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
184. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
185. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
186. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
187. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
188. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
189. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
190. a mu__l decoration *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
191. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

ANSWERS: 181. overdevelopment, 182. biodiversity, 183. mural, 184. opportune, 185. broad, 186. mangrove, 187. association, 188. transform, 189. inherent, 190. mural, 191. risky

192. rec_____er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
193. heavy ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
194. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
195. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
196. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
197. busy int_____ion *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
198. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
199. ride the t___e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
200. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
201. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
202. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
203. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 192. reconsider, 193. rainfall, 194. app, 195. engage, 196. component, 197. intersection, 198. desire, 199. tide, 200. awareness, 201. inspire, 202. barrier, 203. diminish

204. in____l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
205. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
206. perfect ba____op *n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
207. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
208. aq____r soil *n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water
209. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
210. se___c sewage *adj.* containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms
211. li_____ne pavement *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
212. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
213. bu____ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
214. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 204. install, 205. vulnerable, 206. backdrop, 207. insure, 208. aquifer, 209. preach, 210. septic, 211. limestone, 212. ignore, 213. bulldoze, 214. environment

215. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
216. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
217. gla_____ist findings *n.* a scientist who studies the formation, movement, and effects of glaciers and ice
218. em_____ry of peace *n.* a person sent on a mission or as a representative of an organization or country
219. str_____ze about how to win *v.* to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
220. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
221. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
222. ch__r performance *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
223. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
224. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
225. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 215. generate, 216. skyscraper, 217. glaciologist, 218. emissary, 219. strategize, 220. surge, 221. hurricane, 222. choir, 223. universal, 224. association, 225. inspire

226. total dis_____le income	<i>adj.</i> designed to be used once and then thrown away
227. ma_____ve forest	<i>n.</i> a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
228. the ri__e of the nose	<i>n.</i> a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation
229. se___c system	<i>adj.</i> containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms
230. a green se_____ng	<i>n.</i> a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
231. fl___d style	<i>adj.</i> decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy
232. move further in___d	<i>adj.</i> situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
233. ge_____te the idea	<i>v.</i> to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
234. the me_____sm for DNA replication	<i>n.</i> a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
235. make a fa___y diagnosis	<i>adj.</i> having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation
236. res_____le for a customer service	<i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
237. use of inn_____ve technology	<i>adj.</i> introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

ANSWERS: 226. disposable, 227. mangrove, 228. ridge, 229. septic, 230. seedling, 231. florid, 232. inland, 233. germinate, 234. mechanism, 235. faulty, 236. responsible, 237. innovative

238. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
239. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
240. ins_____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
241. er__t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
242. di_____ge socially *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
243. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
244. subsurface aq_____r *n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water
245. dr__n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
246. br____n lie *adj.* bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)
247. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
248. days to ge_____te *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
249. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

ANSWERS: 238. wit, 239. climate, 240. installation, 241. erupt, 242. disengage, 243. individual, 244. aquifer, 245. drain, 246. brazen, 247. necessarily, 248. germinate, 249. divide

250. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
251. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
252. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
253. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
254. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
255. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
256. a ma_____ic sense of purpose *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
257. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
258. the after-war ove_____ent *n.* the process of building an excessive amount of new homes, factories, and other buildings on an area of land
259. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
260. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
261. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

ANSWERS: 250. bunch, 251. grid, 252. sequester, 253. sequester, 254. random, 255. consequence, 256. majestic, 257. wit, 258. overdevelopment, 259. locate, 260. devastation, 261. thrive

262. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
263. pr_____le for tree *n.* any organism or structure that can develop into a new individual, such as a seed, spore, or cutting
264. dr__n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
265. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
266. re_____r agency *n.* a professional in the real estate industry who is a member of the national association of realtors
267. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
268. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
269. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
270. ob_____us of his promise *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
271. el_____on in rank *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
272. political ba_____sh *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
273. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something

ANSWERS: 262. relevance, 263. propagule, 264. drain, 265. grab, 266. realtor, 267. emphasize, 268. communal, 269. empathy, 270. oblivious, 271. elevation, 272. backlash, 273. curiosity

274. re_____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
275. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
276. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
277. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
278. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
279. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
280. se_____ng tray *n.* a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
281. st_____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
282. top of the ri__e *n.* a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation
283. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 274. resident, 275. atmosphere, 276. provoke, 277. pivot, 278. individual, 279. atmosphere, 280. seedling, 281. steward, 282. ridge, 283. concrete

284. the ba____sh from the community *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
285. dis_____le camera *adj.* designed to be used once and then thrown away
286. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
287. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
288. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
289. a ma_____ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
290. we_____d conservation *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
291. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
292. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something

ANSWERS: 284. backlash, 285. disposable, 286. vertical, 287. ignore, 288. grab, 289. majestic, 290. wetland, 291. empathy, 292. curiosity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.
n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
2. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
3. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
4. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
5. He had a _____ love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.
adj. lasting for the whole of someone's life
6. The _____ of the hackers into the company's database caused significant damage.
n. the act of entering a place or situation where one is not welcome or invited; the action or process of forcing a body of molten rock between or through existing formations without reaching the surface
7. The _____ mountain range was a sight to behold.
adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

ANSWERS: 1. biodiversity, 2. acres, 3. mangrove, 4. interaction, 5. lifelong, 6. intrusion, 7. majestic

8. Some areas melt snow by harnessing heat from underground _____.
- n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water
9. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
- v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
10. The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of _____.
- n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
11. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
12. They _____ the old building to make way for a new one.
- v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
13. The king's political power _____ even further.
- v.* to pull back or move away or backward
14. The museum's new exhibition is a _____ of contemporary art.
- n.* a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
15. She was _____ at the news of the accident.
- adj.* filled with shock, horror, or amazement
16. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.
- n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

ANSWERS: 8. aquifers, 9. preached, 10. limestone, 11. barrier, 12. bulldozed, 13. receded, 14. showcase, 15. aghast, 16. resident

17. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

18. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

19. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

20. The company faced a _____ from customers after the recall.

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

21. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

22. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

23. Push the button and let the water _____ away.

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

24. The new resort was built along the _____ offering stunning ocean views from every room.

n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

25. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 17. volunteer, 18. property, 19. bunch, 20. backlash, 21. opportune, 22. inherent, 23. drain, 24. coastline, 25. threatening

26. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
27. The gospel _____ sang beautifully at the church service.
n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
28. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.
v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
29. The mountain range was full of rocky _____ and deep valleys.
n. a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation
30. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.
adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
31. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
32. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
33. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
34. To expand the company, we must _____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 26. engaged, 27. choir, 28. crawl, 29. ridges, 30. innovative, 31. insure, 32. carbon, 33. grab, 34. tap

35. The _____ tank was not properly maintained and caused a health hazard.

adj. containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms

36. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

37. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

38. I work at the breeding _____ where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

39. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

40. As people get old, their energies may _____.

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

41. The _____ area was home to many different species of birds.

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

42. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 35. septic, 36. provoked, 37. broad, 38. nursery, 39. displace, 40. diminish, 41. wetland, 42. ignored

43. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

44. The _____ of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.

n. the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

45. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

46. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

47. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

48. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

49. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

50. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 43. reclaim, 44. elevation, 45. environment, 46. transformed, 47. beneath, 48. unexpected, 49. loose, 50. ecosystem

51. He humbly _____ his conduct.

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

52. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

53. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

54. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

55. These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant _____.

n. the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment

56. She was so engrossed in her work that she was _____ to her surroundings.

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

57. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

58. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 51. reconsidered, 52. individual, 53. partnership, 54. relevance, 55. rainfall, 56. oblivious, 57. locate, 58. consequences

59. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
60. The _____ thief stole the diamond right out of the display case.
adj. bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)
61. I prefer using _____ razors because they are more convenient.
adj. designed to be used once and then thrown away
62. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.
adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
63. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
64. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
65. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.
n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
66. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.
v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
67. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 59. mechanisms, 60. brazen, 61. disposable, 62. vertical, 63. app's, 64. awareness, 65. tide, 66. disengaged, 67. creative

68. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

69. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

- n.* the act of causing so much damage to something

70. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

- v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

71. She is a _____ of traditional Chinese medicine.

- n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

72. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

73. When the first molecule in the _____ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

- n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

74. He is good at swimming _____.

- adv.* below or under the surface of the water

75. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.

- n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

ANSWERS: 68. planet, 69. destruction, 70. sequester, 71. practitioner, 72. hell, 73. pathway, 74. underwater, 75. wit

76. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

77. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

78. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

79. She was completely _____ as to how to solve the problem.

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

80. The _____ of the area resulted in a loss of green space.

n. the process of building an excessive amount of new homes, factories, and other buildings on an area of land

81. The _____ on the wall depicted the history of the city.

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

82. The reliable _____ showed them several properties in the area.

n. a professional in the real estate industry who is a member of the national association of realtors

ANSWERS: 76. erupted, 77. responsible, 78. steward, 79. clueless, 80. overdevelopment, 81. mural, 82. realtor

83. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.
- n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
84. He slammed the door in a fit of _____.
- n.* a feeling of irritation or resentment, often caused by a perceived slight or insult; (verb) to cause to feel resentment or indignation
85. The _____ in the garden needed to be thinned out to have enough space to grow.
- n.* a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
86. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.
- v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
87. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.
- n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
88. The flow _____ is validated against the experiment.
- n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
89. The plant produced many _____ which were used for reproduction.
- n.* any organism or structure that can develop into a new individual, such as a seed, spore, or cutting

ANSWERS: 83. association, 84. pique, 85. seedlings, 86. installed, 87. installation, 88. solver, 89. propagules,

90. One rotten apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
91. The _____ economic straits called for immediate action.
- adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
92. This shipping company has several hundred _____ ships.
- n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
93. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.
- n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
94. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.
- v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
95. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
96. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
- n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
97. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.
- n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
98. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 90. barrel, 91. dire, 92. merchant, 93. skyscraper, 94. generate, 95. drown, 96. devastation, 97. surge, 98. desire

99. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
100. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
101. Lush green forests surrounded the small _____ village.
adj. situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
102. Take a right turn at the next _____.
n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
103. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
104. The company _____ about how to increase sales.
v. to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
105. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
106. She walked along the _____ and collected shells.
n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
107. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 99. inspired, 100. pose, 101. inland, 102. intersection, 103. thrive, 104. strategized, 105. sect, 106. bay, 107. vulnerable

108. Our tech support responds to the first _____ exceptionally promptly.

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

109. The lush green forest provided a picturesque _____ for the photo shoot.

n. a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

110. The _____ research revealed that the glacier has been shrinking alarmingly.

n. a scientist who studies the formation, movement, and effects of glaciers and ice

111. Our unfenced and largely unpoliced border inevitably has been very _____ for insurgents.

adj. having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids

112. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

113. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.

v. to give or show particular importance to something

114. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

115. The parliament will _____ at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

ANSWERS: 108. inquiry, 109. backdrop, 110. glaciologist's, 111. porous, 112. pivot, 113. emphasize, 114. universal, 115. convene

116. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.
n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
117. The break in the _____ threatened the valley.
n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
118. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
119. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
120. She is an _____ with progressive ideas.
n. a person who teaches or educates people
121. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
122. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
123. The construction workers used a _____ to lift the heavy beams.
n. a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook

ANSWERS: 116. Grid, 117. dam, 118. ultimate, 119. Communal, 120. educator, 121. statistics, 122. floods, 123. crane

124. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

125. The _____ language of the poet was often difficult to understand.

adj. decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy

126. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

127. The _____ of the mountain was difficult to climb.

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

128. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

129. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

130. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

131. The _____ from the neighboring country arrived with a message of peace.

n. a person sent on a mission or as a representative of an organization or country

132. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

ANSWERS: 124. divide, 125. florid, 126. weird, 127. flank, 128. random, 129. destroyed, 130. risky, 131. emissary, 132. curiosity

133. The _____ wiring caused a power outage.

adj. having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation

134. The seeds _____ quickly in the warm soil.

v. to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts

135. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

136. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

137. The _____ of experienced soldiers led the attack.

n. a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement

138. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

139. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

140. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

141. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

ANSWERS: 133. faulty, 134. germinated, 135. atmosphere, 136. concrete, 137. cadre, 138. Gulf, 139. Climate, 140. necessarily, 141. melted

142. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
- n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
143. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
144. The _____ of the city was dotted with tall buildings.
- n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
145. The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the _____ ecosystem downstream.
- adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
146. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

ANSWERS: 142. hurricane, 143. Empathy, 144. skyline, 145. saltwater, 146. component